

## **REMARKS**

### **Status of Claims**

The Office Action mailed January 30, 2006, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-28 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 have been amended, claims 4, 5, 13, 14, and 23 have been cancelled and no claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-22, and 24-28 are pending and are submitted for reconsideration.

This Amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants thank the examiner for indicating that claims 5 and 14 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 4 and 5, and 13 and 14, respectively. Likewise, features similar to the allowable claims 5 and 14 have also been added to independent claims 19 and 28. Accordingly, all the independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 are now believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance in accordance with the indication in the office action.

### **Section 112, Second Paragraph, Rejection**

Claim 19 is rejected under § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Applicants have addressed the issue raised in the office action and believe that claim 19 is now in definite form and meets the requirements of § 112, second paragraph.

### **Prior Art Rejections**

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 6-11, 15-20, and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,571,245 to Huang et al (hereafter "Huang") in view of U.S. patent 5,767,853 to Yoshida et al. (hereafter "Yoshida"). Claims 3, 12, 21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang in view of Yoshida, further in view of U.S. patent 5,925,103 to Magallanes et al. (hereafter

“Magallanes”). Claims 4, 13, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang in view of Yoshida, further in view of U.S. patent 6,785,822 to Sadhwani-Tully et al. (hereafter “Sadhwani-Tully”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

As noted earlier herein, the allowable features of claims 5 and 14 have been added to the respective independent claims 1 and 10 together with the features of any intervening claims. Likewise, features similar to that indicated as allowable in claims 5 and 14 have been added to independent claims 19 and 28. Accordingly, all the independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims are also patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims on which they ultimately depend. In addition, they recite additional reasons for their patentability when considered as a whole.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice of the same is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview or examiner's amendment would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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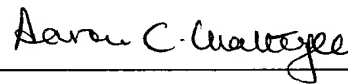
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